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LEGATO AND BROCADE CERTIFY SOLUTIONS FOR LAN-FREE AND SERVERLESS BACKUP

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Abstract (Summary)

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Legato Systems, Inc, (NASDAQ: LGTO), the leader in enterprise storage management and Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. (BROCADE(R)) (Nasdaq: BRCD), the leading supplier of Fibre Channel fabric solutions for Storage Area Networking, announced today the completion of certification of a series of Legato(R) SANReady solutions. The Legato SANReady solutions are verified configurations for storage area networks (SANs), comprising products that have been tested and certified to be interoperable. Using Legato SANReady solutions, customers can reduce SAN implementation time and more quickly realize the benefits of SAN applications.

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BROCADE will publish the Legato SANReady configuration for serverless backup as part of the Brocade SOLUTIONware(R) library. SOLUTIONware is available to certified BROCADE Fabric Integrators and partners for simplifying the integration, configuration, and testing process for deploying interoperable and heterogeneous SANs. In addition, Legato has joined the Brocade FabricAware program, designed to facilitate end to end SAN interoperability.

LAN-free and serverless backup optimize backup operations by allowing customers to offload backup data from a local area network (LAN), thereby increasing the aggregate LAN bandwidth available to end-users. Serverless backup extends the performance gains by removing the overhead by more than 90 percent on the application server as backups are completed. Using Legato-certified SAN-ready backup solutions in BROCADE-based SANs, customers are able to optimize network and server utilization.

"Legato and BROCADE have key enabling technologies that can accelerate the growth of SANs and help customers overcome the issue of backing up large amounts of data in 24x7 environments," said Kent Smith, executive vice president, Worldwide Sales and Support, Legato Systems. "Both companies are also fully committed to keeping open standards in the SAN arena, allowing us to streamline the certification of more SAN solutions."

"We are pleased to work with Legato to simplify the implementation of SANs for our mutual customers and to have Legato as a member of our Fabric Aware program," said Jack Cuthbert, Brocade vice president of Worldwide Marketing. "By working together to certify SANReady solutions, we can help our customers more quickly benefit from SAN applications such as serverless backup, in a reliable, networked storage environment."

The serverless backup SANReady solution was verified using industry-standard servers, and a wide range of disk and tape storage units connected through BROCADE Silkworm 2400 and 2800 switches. Interoperability and performance of Legato NetWorker and SmartMedia were tested during backup and restore operations. Testing also included a fault tolerant configuration where dual host bus adapters (HBAs) and dual switches were used to provide redundant paths from servers to tape storage units, ensuring a tape device would always be accessible, even in the event of a single storage network component failure.

About the Legato SANReady Program

The SANReady Program was launched in 1998 and now provides a substantial and growing list of industry leading devices supported by Legato NetWorker, Legato SmartMedia, and Legato Celestra. The program addresses key business requirements of organizations that are planning to optimize storage performance and minimize storage administration through dedicated SANs. The Legato SANReady Program makes implementing advanced storage management faster by helping customers easily identify interoperable SAN hardware components that are certified with Legato's SAN-enabled products.

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